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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

PHAN T.H. PALMER

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08/25/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

*Phan T. H. Palmer*  
**PHAN T. H. PALMER**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

*03/21/05*

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any error of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement submitted on 03/04/2005, has been considered by the examiner and made of record. See attached form PTO-1449.

***Drawings***

3. This application has been filed with formal drawings.

***Specification***

4. \*\*\* The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the Applicant should have provided the US. Patent Application Serial No., and the filling date on line 3 of page 1. Appropriate correction is required.

\*\*\* The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the title of the invention on the Abstract (page 19) is "HIGH SPEED OPTICAL ELEMENT SWITCHING MECHANISM" is incorrect. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowable over prior art of record because none of the references in alone or on combination discloses a switch assembly comprising: an arm assembly configured to rotate; a primary spring coupled to the arm assembly; one or more secondary spring disposed in the switch assembly; and a latch assembly,

wherein the latch assembly disposed in the switch assembly and operable to (i) selectively hold the arm assembly in either the first or second rotational positions and (ii) selectively release the arm assembly from the rotational position in which it is holding the arm assembly (as discloses in claims 1 and 15).

The underline limitations are critically, since the instant switch assembly reduces the amount of shock and vibration generated when latched; uses less power to release it from a latched position; and avoid rapid movement of the wheel can cause disturbances in the system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Conclusion**

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Pan et al (5,999,669) reference discloses an optic switch manipulate an optical signal comprising collimating lens and a prism between collimating lenses.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The objections of the abstract and the specification as discloses above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

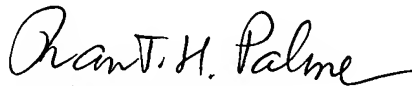
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHAN T.H. PALMER whose telephone number is (571) 272-2354. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RODNEY B. BOVERNICK can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**PHAN T. H. PALMER**  
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